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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 16668

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS, SHUM, PINT, US, UR (MCCLELLAN, IRINA)
SUBJECT: CASE OF IRINA MCCLELLAN

1. IRINA MCCLELLAN WAS DETAINED BY SOVIET POLICE OFFICIALS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY ON JULY 17 AS SHE SOUGHT TO GAIN ACCESS TO CONSULAR SECTION TO COMPLETE POWER OF ATTORNEY FORM FOR HER HUSBAND. CONSOFF PRESENT, WHO WAS ESCORTING MRS. MCCLELLAN, REMONSTRATED WITH MVD COMMANDING OFFICER FOR TEN MINUTES, BUT WAS REPEATEDLY TOLD, "THIS IS OUR CITIZEN; FIRST AND FOREMOST THIS IS OUR BUSINESS." MRS. MCCLELLAN WAS TAKEN TO MILITIA "BOX" AT THE SIDE OF EMBASSY AND REMAINS IN POLICE CUSTODY EITHER THERE OR AT POLICE STATION.

2. CONSOFF MADE STRENUOUS PROTEST TO MVD OFFICER, QUOTING USA-USSR CONSULAR CONVENTION. HE REPEATEDLY INFORMED SOVIET OFFICIAL THAT MRS. MCCLELLAN WAS AT THE EMBASSY ON CONSULAR BUSINESS. SOVIET POLICE OFFICERS WERE RUDE AND REFUSED TO ANSWER PROTEST, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT MRS. MCCLELLAN WAS A SOVIET CITIZEN.

3. PRESS SEEMS UNAWARE OF MRS. MCCLELLAN'S ARREST AT
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PRESENT TIME BUT WE ARE SURE THAT SHE WILL CONTACT AMERICAN REPORTERS FOLLOWING HER ARREST. MATLOCK

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